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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY NUCLEAR SAFETY CODE AND COMMISSIONER BRUNNER'S
COMMENTS ON IT AND NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE YESTERDAY APPROVED A
COMMISSION STUDY ON " COMMUNITY NUCLEAR SAFETY CODE." THE
STUDY,WHICH PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR AN EVENTUAL CODE,TOOK
14 MONTHS TO PREPARE AND CALLS FOR THE REAL AND EFFECTOVE
CODING OF SAFETY REGULATIONS THROUGHOUT THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY,AND WILL BE APPLICABLE IN ALL TYPES OF NUCLEAR
PLANTS,INCLUDING MILITARY FACILITIESTHE CODE IS TO
ATTEMPT TO SET OUT MANDATORY MINIMUM RULES WHICH WILL BE
BINDING IN EACH MEMBER STATE AND WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSTANTIAL
EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT COMMISSION POWER.THE AIM OF SUCH
A CODE WOULD BE TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE THE SAFETY
MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES IN VARIOUS STAGES
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OF THE NUCLEAR CYCLE.AT THE PRESENT TIME,THE FINAL
VERSIO OF HE STUDY CONDUCTED BY MRBONETY IS NOT
AVAILABLE BUT WILLBE AVAILABLE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
IT WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT,ERDA,NRC,AND
ANY OTHER INTERESTED ADDRESSEES WHO REQUEST IT.

2.THE CODES THEMSELVES ARE TO REPLY TO SUCH AREAS AS RADIOLOGICAL

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PROTECTION STANDARDS,HARMONIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL DOSE
MONITORING,EXPLORATIONOF DIRECT NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH
PROJECT AT THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTER,INDIRECT RESEARCH
PROJECTS IN THE FIELDS OF BIOLOGY AND HEALTH PROTECTION,
RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE,PLUTONIUM
RECYCLING IN LWR'S,STANDARES OF ACCIDENT ANLYSIS FOR
REACTOR PLANTS AS WELL AS REPROCESSING FACILITIES.TO
THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,THE CODES ARE TO RELY UPON AVAILABLE
INFORMATION FROM ICRP (INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
RADIATION PROTECTION)AND ON-GOING STUDIES AT THE IAEA.

3.MR.BRUNNER,COMMISSONER FOR ENERGY AND SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,ADDRESSED THE FINAL SESSION
OF HE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE ON THE OMMUNITY
NUCLEAR SAFETY CODE.MR.BRUNNER SUPPORTED THE
ADOPTION OF THE CODE AS WELL AS AN OPEN DEBATE ON THE
ENTIRE NUCLEAR ISSUE WITH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING.
HE STRESSED THAT IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SPHERE,EFFORTS
CONCERNING SAFETY MUST BE STEPPED UPBUT IT SHOULD NOT
BE FORGOTTEN EITHER THAT THE PLURIANNUAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
APPROVED AD REFERENDUM ON MARCH 29 BY THE COUNCIL INCLUDES
AN APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 94.27 MILLION FOR SAFETY RESEARCH FOR
REACTORS DOLS 47.96 MILLION FOR RESEARCH ONPLUTONIUM AND
DOLS 25.74 MILLION FOR RESERCH CONCERNED WITH RADIOACTIVE
WASTE.MR.BRUNNER CAME OUT AGAINST A MORATORIUM ON
NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT UNTUL THE LAST PROBLEMS OF SAFETY
AND THE ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY SOLVED.
THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE SHARED THIS VIEW WITH THE COMMISSIONER.HE
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ALSO NOTED THAT THE NUCLEAR OPTION INVOLVES A CHOICE
WHICH MUST BE MADE IN FULL POSSESSION OF ALL THE FACTS.
HE DOWNPLAYED THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION SINCE,HE SAID,
IT ALREADY EXISTS AND HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH IN EUROPE.
HE SAID THIS SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE
THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY,SINCE THE ONLY REAL
ALTERNATIVE FORM ,OIL,IS SOMETHING WHICH THE COMMUNITY
HAS VERY LITTLE OF.ACCORDING TO THE MOST OPTIMISTIC
ESTIMATES,NORTH SEA OIL WILL JUST ABOUT COVER 10 PERCENT OF THE
COMMUNITY'S ENERGY NEEDS.
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